



# MLDS CENTER

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** MLDS Governing Board  
**FROM:** Ross Goldstein  
**DATE:** June 3, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Session Updates

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### Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the outcome of legislation pertinent to the MLDS Center and discuss recommendations for proposed departmental legislation for the 2020 legislative session.

### Summary of 2019 Legislative Session

The 2019 Session of the Maryland General Assembly ended on April 8th. The following are the final status of legislation impacting the Center.

1. House Bill 704 - *Maryland Longitudinal Data System - Student Data and Governing Board* (Passed - Chapter 688) - This bill removes the restriction against including student discipline data and juvenile delinquency records as “student data” in the MLDS. The bill also adds the Secretary of Juvenile Services to the MLDS Governing Board.
2. House Bill 1206 - *Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - Data Matching* (Passed - Chapter 729) - This bill impacts MLDS Center collection of data related to student address and wage information.
  - Student Address - The bill requires county boards of education to convert student home addresses into a U.S. Census Bureau tract or block number and then provide that information to MSDE. MSDE will in turn provide these data to the MLDS Center.
  - Wage Information - The bill also permits the establishment of a data sharing arrangement between the MLDS Center and the Comptroller for research purposes. Specifically, the Center will provide the Comptroller with specified student information and the Comptroller will match the student information and provide aggregated data from the matched information on the average amount of wages earned.
3. *Senate Bill 493 - Workforce Data Act of 2019* - (Failed)  
This bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to require employers to include the following information in their quarterly contribution and employment reporting:
  - The occupation and job title of each employee;
  - The number of hours each employee has worked during the calendar quarter; and
  - Location at which the employee works.

**Recommendations for 2020 Legislative Session**

No recommendations at this time.

**Action**

Informational purposes only.